

SKEGNESS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Skegness Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my eighth Annual Report.

STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	4,411.788
Number of inhabited houses 1942	3,100
Rateable Value, 31st December, 1942	£102,233
Product of a penny rate	£270

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS DURING THE YEAR.

	Total	Males	Females
Births	156	84	72
Deaths	118	64	54

Number of women dying in consequence of childbirth:	from Sepsis	Nil
	from other causes	Nil

Death-rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births: 4

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	12
" " Measles "	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
" " Liarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	PULMONARY		NON PULMONARY		PULMONARY		NON PULMONARY	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0								
1								
5								
15		1			1			
25		2					1	
35	1	1					1	
45	1		1				1	
55								
65 and upwards.								
Totals	1	5	1	1			2	

<u>NOTIFIABLE DISEASES</u>	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	23	19	Nil
Diphtheria	5	4	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	2	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia	3	1	Nil
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	3	7	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	Nil	Nil
Measles	59	Nil	Nil
Typhoid Fever	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chicken Pox	Nil	Nil	Nil
 Totals.	<u>99</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>2</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS of the AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health, and Superintendent of Isolation Hospital; Dr. D. Fraser Menzies, M.B., Ch. B. (St. And.)

Sanitary Inspector. Superintendent of house and trade refuse removal; S. James, (1) Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute (2) Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute. Meat and Food.

Matron of Isolation Hospital Miss M. Morrison, State Reg. Nurse.

NURSING.

I am indebted to Miss M. Walker, the Secretary to the District Nurse Association, for the following reports of the District Nurses' Work:-

General Nursing Visits	3,633
Maternity and Midwifery Visits	1,585
Ante-Natal	226
Post-Natal	100
Maternity and Midwifery cases	85

I consider the above figures speak highly of the good work done by our District Nurses.

SKEGNESS INFANT WELFARE.

Attendances. Average weekly number: Mothers 68. Children 70. The Centre is open every Friday from 1-30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m. Dr. Wilson and two Health Visitors are in attendance. Various duties are also carried out by Members of the Infant Welfare Committee. Baby clothes are made by the Members of the Committee and friends, and sold at very reasonable prices.

Immunisation. The response to our appeal has been quite good, and children are immunised against Diphtheria at each Session.

The Ante-Natal Clinic is held on the first and third Fridays in each month from 10-30 a. m. A qualified dentist attends periodically.

National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil and Fruit Juice are dispensed from the Centre every Wednesday and Friday.

The Orthopaedic Clinic is held at the Centre each week, and our children attend for treatment when necessary.

I am indebted to Mrs. D. T. Edwards for the above excellent report and for which I tender my grateful thanks. I also wish to thank the nurses and Committee of the Association for their excellent work throughout the year.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The hospital for infectious diseases is situated in an isolated position on the Wainfleet Road, and is about 2 miles from the town.

There are sixteen beds available for residents and visitors.

The buildings consist of one ward block, one cubicle block, administrative block, also outhouses and housing for steam disinfector.

I must express my thanks to the Matron (Miss M. Morrison) for the skill and careful attention given to all patients whilst in hospital.

The hospital proved adequate during the year to deal with all cases of infectious disease which arose.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

There is a local centre for the treatment of venereal diseases; and sessions are held each week.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The County Council provide for the treatment of tuberculosis. A clinic for this purpose is established at Skegness.

GENERAL HEALTH.

The general health of the town has been good during the year.

SCAVENGING.

The removal and disposal of house and trade refuse and the cleansing of earth closets, privies, and cesspools in the area is carried out by the Council.

This work was carried out during the year under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector in a most efficient manner.

The most important work in this connection is Salvage which requires constant thought and attention. Excellent results were obtained during the year from this source.

SANITARY INSPECTION of the AREA.

A classified statement of the number of premises visited, the defects of nuisances discovered, and the action or result of action taken in regard to these will be found in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

SCHOOLS.

The Sanitary conditions and water supply at the public elementary schools are excellent.

The County School Medical Officer regularly inspects the schools and the children. Any treatment required can be obtained through the medical practitioners in the town and through the various schemes provided by the Education Committee. As in the case of Infant Welfare Centres close co-operation between the Medical Officers and the Medical Practitioners is essential for the efficient service.

Milk is available to all school children.

SHOPS ACT.

Inspections are made from time to time and the action taken will be found in the tabulated report.

HOUSING

The general housing conditions are good, there being no houses overcrowded at the end of the year.

REPORT ON HOUSING ACT INSPECTIONS

The number of inspections made and the action taken will be found in the tabulated report.

MEAT AND FOOD

The three private slaughter-houses situate in Richmond Drive are visited by your Council's Sanitary Inspector during hours of slaughter.

The inspection of meat now takes up a good deal of time necessitating many hours overtime being worked.

The number of visits paid in connection with food inspection will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

Shops and places where food is stored or prepared for sale have been regularly inspected.

MILK SUPPLY

All farms and dairies in the district have been frequently visited. All the cowsheds and dairies are of good construction and every effort is made to attain a high Standard of cleanliness.

MILK SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS ORDER, 1936.

There is one licensed producer and three licensed purveyors of Pasteurised Milk, one licensed dealer of Tuberculin Tested Milk, and one licensed dealer in Accredited Milk. One licence is granted to an establishment to bottle Accredited Milk.

BAKEHOUSES.

Frequent visits have been paid to the bakehouses in the district. These are clean and well kept.

There are no underground bakehouses.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS.

The County Council is the Authority for carrying out this act.

WORKSHOPS.

These were inspected periodically, and it was found in one or two instances that the attention of the occupier had to be drawn to the uncleanliness of sanitary conveniences or want of limewashing of internal wall surfaces. These matters were put right without resorting to formal measures. The work carried on is mainly motor repairs, dressmaking and millinery, cycle repairs, joinery photography and upholstery.

I append the Sanitary Inspector's report and would take this opportunity of stating my pleasure in carrying out my duties under a Council so earnest in the desire to ensure perfectly healthy conditions for the town.

I am Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. Fraser Menzies, M.B., Ch.B. (St. And.)

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Report of work done by the Sanitary Inspector for the year 1942 .

TOTAL NO. of NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR. Nil

(1) By the Local Authority Nil
(2) By other Local Authorities Nil
(3) By other bodies or persons Nil

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

(1) a. Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts. 156
b. Number of inspections made for the purpose. 408
(2) a. Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. Nil
b. Number of inspections made for the purpose Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head.) found to be in all respects not reasonably fit for human habitation. 104

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICES OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 104

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

a. Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 36 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
a. by owners Nil
b. by Local Authority in default of owners. Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-
a. by owners. Nil
b. by Local Authority in default of owners Nil
(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses subject to under-takings. Nil

d. Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936	
1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	Nil

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936. - OVERCROWDING.

a (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.	Nil
(11) Number of families dwelling therein.	Nil
(111) Number of persons dwelling therein.	Nil
b. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.	Nil
c.(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	Nil
(11) Number of persons concerned in such cases.	Nil
d. Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved.	Nil
e. Number of licences granted under Section 61.	Nil

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS, TENTS, VANS, etc.

Number inspected during the year	Nil
Number of nuisances therefrom abated	Nil
Number removed from district	Nil

BAKEHOUSES.

Number in district	9
Number of underground Bakehouses	Nil
Number of inspections	36
Contraventions of Factory Acts	3
Defects remedied	3

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES

Number on register	3
Contraventions of by-laws	Nil
Defects remedied	Nil

COWSHEDS

Number on register	13
Number of inspections	49
Contraventions of regulations	7
Contraventions remedied	7
Number of milch cows in district	approx. 160

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS

Number on register	8
Number of inspections	30
Contraventions of regulations	1
Contraventions remedied	1
Any instance of disease attributed during the year to milk	No

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Number of premises in district	8
Number of inspections	21
Contraventions of by-laws	5
Contraventions remedied	5

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

Number of shops inspected	10
Additional heating or ventilation	Nil
Additional sanitary conveniences	Nil
Exemption Certificate granted under Section 10 (2)	Nil

WATER SUPPLY

WELLS

New sunk	Nil
Cleaned, repaired	Nil
Closed as polluted	Nil

PUBLIC SUPPLY

Area supplied	Practically whole area.
Percentage of houses supplied	99%
New cisterns provided	Nil
Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered etc.	Nil
Number of samples obtained for analysis	
(a) from wells	Nil
(b) from public supply	6
Any insufficiency and where	Nil

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

CLOSETS

Number of houses with privy vaults in district	3
Number of houses with pail closets in district	37
Number of pail closets substituted for privy vaults	Nil
Number of closets repaired	3
Number of houses with water closets in district	3,294
Number of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles	Nil
Number of water-closets repaired	50

DRAINS

Drains examined, tested, exposed, etc.	15
Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, etc.	156
Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected repaired	7
New soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed	1
Existing soil pipes or ventilating shafts repaired	5
Drains reconstructed	1

CESSPOOLS

Cesspools rendered impervious	Nil
Cesspools emptied, cleansed, etc.	weekly
Cesspools abolished	Nil

DISINFECTION

Rooms disinfected	34
(a) ordinary infectious disease	32
(b) tuberculosis	2
Rooms cleansed	39

HOUSE REFUSE

Number of covered ashpits	7
Number of uncovered ashpits	Nil
Number of bins substituted for ashpits	Nil
Number of houses using bins	3,327
Is refuse removed by householders or by public scavengers?	Council
How often is refuse removed from each house?	Weekly
Number of complaints of non-removal	practically nil
Method of final disposal	Salvage and Controlled tip.
Are existing arrangements for refuse disposal satisfactory?	Yes

NUISANCES

Total number of nuisances during the year	
(1) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector	48
(2) Reported to Council, Statutory notice issued	Nil
" " not "	Nil

DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED

	After Informal Intimation.	After Stat. Notice.
Overcrowding	Nil	-
Smoke	Nil	-
Accumulation of refuse	15	-
Foul ditches, ponds, stagnant water.	Nil	-
Foul pigs and other animals	7	-
Dampness	21	-
Yards re-paved or repaired	Nil	-
Other nuisances	5	-

Supplementary remarks to Sanitary Requirements of District, and extended notes from any of the foregoing entries.

Miscellaneous Visits totalled (These include visits in connection with house and trade refuse removal disposal and salvage, and visits to properties with agents, owners and builders..	370
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Infectious Disease Visits	53
Visits to Food premises	27
Inspections under Rats and Mice Destruction Act.	52

